

**TOWN OF SOMERS
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE ELDERLY
MINUTES OF JUNE 14, 2011 MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Jenifer Charette at 11:35 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pat Bachetti, Elaine Bemont, Jenifer Charette, Jordan Chatis, Ailene Henry, Karen Norrie and Marilyn Smith.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dorothy Hillman and Arlene Yarnes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of minutes of May 10, 2011 with a motion by Marilyn Smith and a second by Karen Norrie.

AUDIENCE: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chairperson's Report - *New lounge furniture has been purchased and a new bookcase should be here soon. This will make this room a quiet reading room for those interested in doing so. *Dividers will be installed for privacy and use by the various healthcare programs. *Birkenshaw Electric will be installing a new outlet by the back door for the soda machine. Machine is too loud to have in the main part of the building. *Cookout attendance was very good and there were very few complaints. *New grill and outside furniture has been placed outside the back door. *Prisoners have been growing plants for the garden and things are coming along well in this regard. *Girl scouts will be planting some perennials soon. *Addition project has been opened up to bids. It is hoped to have this project done before the winter months.

Meals on Wheels – No news from Susan King this month. Board hopes to hear soon on the results of meeting with the nutritionist. Plaza is back doing the meals.

Senior Lunches/Senior Club – No report from the Senior Club this month.

Senior Support – Pat Bachetti is currently working with three patients at Blair Manor. If anyone knows of someone who is a patient at Blair Manor, please let Pat know and she will include them in her program.

Senior Information Guide – Guide is currently finished and some copies have been printed out. It should be available for distribution in a week or so. Copies will be distributed at various areas in town. i.e., Senior Center, Library, Woodcrest, Congregational Church, Drug Store, etc.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mobile Foodshare Project – This is a project being looked into by David Pinney. There would be eligibility requirements as well as a need for many volunteers and a coordinator to keep this project going. A motion was made by Jordan Chatis stating it was this Board's recommendation that this project NOT be taken upon by the town of Somers for the following reasons:

- . Lack of a coordinator for this project
- . Quality of the food
- . Liability issues for people walking, falling, etc.
- . Lack of a number of volunteers to work this project on a year-round basis

Motion was seconded by Elaine Bemont.

NEW BUSINESS:

Senior Summit – A special Senior Advisory Board meeting was held on May 17 so board members could meet with representatives from the Board of Selectmen regarding various issues important to the seniors in town. No town representatives showed up for this meeting. The Selectmen, in turn, will hold a question and answer period after the Wednesday lunch on June 22. Several questions were raised by this board which will be asked at the Summit meeting next week.

Town Emergency Plan – Karen Norrie has been receiving phone calls asking what the town emergency plan is with regard to lack of power, bad storms, heat waves, etc. It is a question that will be brought up at the Summit next week. All seniors in town need clarification on this issue. There are many seniors who are on oxygen, etc. where this may become a serious issue.

Center Air Conditioning Maintenance – Plan should be in place for the cleaning of air conditioners on the roof as well as filter replacements, etc. Jenifer will be looking into this.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 12:50 P.M. by motion of Marilyn Smith with a second by Karen Norrie.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. Bemont, Secretary

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